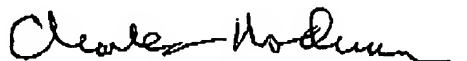


REMARKS

Entry of this Response is respectfully requested.

The undersigned attorney was informed by the Examiner in a telephone discussion on January 17, 2006 that a suitable Response to the January 11, 2006 Office Action requires only the resubmission of the claims with the proper status identifier for claims 16 – 27 as “withdrawn”. This has been done. Accordingly, examination of the Amendment filed October 12, 2005 is respectfully requested.

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